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TEXAS CLIPPER TO AMSTERDAM

REF: A-332

- 1. MFA HAS INFORMED US THAT VISIT OF THE TEXAS CLIPPER TO AMSTERDAM 1-5 JULY 1977 IS CONVENIENT AND WELCOME BUT THAT DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE REQUESTED IN REFAIR WILL NOT BE GRANTED. SHIP WILL BE HOSTED BY THE CITY OF AMSTERDAM AND APPROPRIATE PRIVILEGES WILL BE EXTENDED SHORT OF THE ISSUANCE OF DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE.
- 2. MFA HAS EXPLAINED THAT TO QUALIFY FOR DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE, GON REQUIRES THE SHIP:
- A. BE A GOVERNMENT-OWNED SHIP.
- B. BE ENGAGED IN NON-COMMERCIAL SERVICE.
- C. BE EXCLUSIVELY ON GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.
- 3. BECAUSE OF REQUIREMENT (2C) ABOVE, MINISTRY OF FINANCE (MOF) DID NOT AGREE THAT DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE BE EXTENDED. SPECIFICALLY, MOF IS OF VIEW THAT SINCE THE TEXAS CLIPPER IS NOT A WARSHIP IT DOES NOT RATE FREEDOM FROM CUSTOMS INSPECTION/DECLARATION, AND TECHNICALLY DOES NOT QUALIFY UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE.

4. THE SHIP WILL, HOWEVER, RECEIVE A FREE MUNICIPAL BERTH AND WE HAVE INFORMALLY BEEN ADVISED THAT THE CUSTOMS REQUIRMENTS CAN BE SATISFIED WITHOUT AN INSPECTION, THUS LARGELY MEETING OUR REQUEST IN SUBSTANCE. MCCLOSKEY

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